

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**February 1 to February 29, 2012**

**Commission Business**

1. The Commission's monthly public meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Commissioners Foerster and Norman met with an operator new to Alaska concerning a proposed exploration program in Cook Inlet Basin.
3. Commissioner Norman attended the Alaska Supreme Court hearing in State v. Exxon (the Pt. Thomson litigation).
4. Commissioner Foerster made a presentation to Commonwealth North on the Commission's role in North Slope Gas commercialization.
5. Commissioner Foerster testified before the House Resources Committee in support of Representative Millet's resolution urging the BLM to remediate their NPR-A legacy wells.
6. Commissioners Seamount and Foerster testified before the Senate Resources Committee on oil and gas activity on the North Slope.
7. AOGCC Commissioners and staff are staying apprised of events related to the loss of well control on the Qugruk #2 well on the North Slope and Commissioner Foerster is answering numerous questions from the media, State elected officials, and concerned citizens.
8. Commissioner Foerster met with representatives of the Bureau of Land Management to discuss BLM legacy wells.
9. The Governor appointed Commissioner Foerster to be AOGCC Chairperson upon the expiration of Commissioner Seamount's 4 year term.

**Orders**

1. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO 4E.041.
2. The Commission cancelled Administrative Approval AIO 4E.008.

**Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing**

1. One SRPS is at Legal for review.

**Projects Completed / Continuing**

1. Commission staff are conducting a technical evaluation of the Qugruk 2 well control incident.
2. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Reports. (continuing).
3. The Commission's office remodeling is proceeding according to plan. Staff are shelving files and log data. (continuing)
4. Senior Staff has been working on amendments to AS Title 31, and Title 20. (continuing)

5. Senior Staff are reviewing and revising the Performance Measures for FY 2012. (continuing)
6. Senior staff is working on a study of potential gas resources on the North Slope. (continuing)
7. Commission Geology staff and IT staff are looking to reorganize the Commission website to make it easier for the public to find information.
8. Senior staff is upgrading and consolidating Commission hydraulic fracture regulations. (continuing)
9. Senior staff is working with the DGGS on a North Slope Temperature Gradient Study.
10. One thousand two (1002) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
11. Three thousand seventy one (3,071) Mega Bytes of requested data were delivered to the public.
12. Sixteen (16) Core chip and washed and dried cuttings sample sets representing 130,775 borehole feet were catalogued.
13. Seven (7) Core chip and washed and dried sample sets were transferred to the G.M.C.

### **Permitting**

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (February) – 9 ( Exp/Strat Test 2, Dev 4, Ser 3 )
2. Rig count – 17; North Slope – 17; Cook Inlet – 0; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Up 2 from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:  
401's = 28; 403's = 85; 404's = 65; 407's = 33; Total 211.